GIS In Action Conference Follow-Up - 2013



1. Was this your first GIS In Action conference? Response Percent Count Yes 37.4% 37 No 62.6% 62 answered question 99 skipped question 0

2. If this was not your first conference, how many others have you attended? Response Response Percent Count 1 - 3 32.3% 20 4 - 6 21.0% 13 7 - 10 24.2% 15 10+ 22.6% 14 answered question 62 skipped question 37

3. How did you learn about this year's conference?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Oregon URISA or ASPRS web site	5.5%	5
Oregon URISA or ASPRS email blast	28.6%	26
From a colleague	16.5%	15
Just know that GIS In Action is held in Spring every year	44.0%	40
Other	5.5%	5
	answered question	91
	skipped question	8

4. Please provide us with your opinion of the value that the GIS In Action conference provides given the pre-registration rate of \$195 for both days. (please rate even if you only attended one day or paid the on-site rate)

	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Fee is too high	5.7%	5
2	6.8%	6
3 Fee is OK	48.9%	43
4	11.4%	10
5 Fee is good value	27.3%	24
	answered question	88
	skipped question	11

5. Recognizing that email blasts are how we inform members about the upcoming GIS In Action conference, we do want to manage the number of email blasts we send to our members. On a scale of 1 - 5, please rate the number of email blasts for the past conference.

		Response Percent	Response Count
1 Prefer less emails		2.2%	2
2		10.1%	9
3 OK with the current number of emails		76.4%	68
4		3.4%	3
5 Comfortable with more emails		7.9%	7
	Please provide sug	gestions for improvements:	8

answered question	89
skipped question	10

6. On a scale of 1 - 5, how did the registration process work for you?

	Response Percent	Response Count
1 Could be better	4.4%	4
2	2.2%	2
3 ОК	44.0%	40
4	40.7%	37
5 Worked better then expected	8.8%	8

Please provide suggestions for improvements:

answered question 91
skipped question 8

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7. This was our first year in some time that we offered workshops. We need to know if it was worth the effort, and if so, should we provide workshops in 2014.

	Yes	No	Rating Count
Attended a Workshop & thought it was informative	32.4% (12)	67.6% (25)	37
Attended a Workshop and thought the fee was a good value	36.4% (12)	63.6% (21)	33
Wanted to attend a workshop but couldn't	67.2% (41)	32.8% (20)	61
Hope you offer workshops again in 2014	93.9% (62)	6.1% (4)	66
		Comments about Workshops?	19
		answered question	78
		skipped question	21

8. Please rate on a scale of 1 - 5 the following components of our the GIS In Action conference. 5 was your favorite, 4 was second favorite, on down to 1. If you only attend a few events, please rate those.

	1	2	3	4	5	Rating Count
First Keynoter (Sharon Wortman - Bridge Talk)	3.0% (2)	12.1% (8)	19.7% (13)	42.4% (28)	22.7% (15)	66
Second Keynoter (Amber Case - Esri Geoloqi)	6.1% (4)	10.6% (7)	15.2% (10)	24.2% (16)	43.9% (29)	66
Presentations	6.6% (6)	9.9% (9)	13.2% (12)	29.7% (27)	40.7% (37)	91
Exhibitors	14.5% (11)	28.9% (22)	32.9% (25)	18.4% (14)	5.3% (4)	76
Exhibitor Social	10.4% (5)	16.7% (8)	33.3% (16)	25.0% (12)	14.6% (7)	48
Poster Session	14.7% (11)	20.0% (15)	33.3% (25)	25.3% (19)	6.7% (5)	75
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				skipį	ped question	8

9. We are considering providing the conference program in a format that's viewable on a mobile device or tablet. Please tell us your thoughts, and add any comments to help us make this decision.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Great idea, I have a mobile device or tablet and would use it to view the program	65.2%	58
Yes, I have a mobile device or tablet, but wouldn't use it to view the program	14.6%	13
I don't have a mobile device or tablet	20.2%	18
	Comments:	19
	answered question	89
	skipped question	10

0. What is your opinion of	amount of food served? (select one)		
		Response Percent	Response Count
Amounts were too small		9.1%	8
Amounts were just right		89.8%	79
Amounts were too large		1.1%	1
		Comments:	15
	ans	wered question	88
	sk	ipped question	11

11. What is your opinion of the quality of the food served? (select one)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Quality needs improvement	12.2%	11
Quality was OK	46.7%	42
Quality was very good	41.1%	37
	Comments:	14

answered question	90
skipped question	9

12. In 2014, our conference is at PSU. How likely are you to attend?

	Response Percent	Response Count
1 - Very Likely	51.1%	46
2	27.8%	25
3 - Possibly	18.9%	17
4	2.2%	2
5 - Not likely	0.0%	0
	answered question	90
	skipped question	9

13. In 2015, we are considering having a joint conference with Washington URISA. If the joint conference was held in Tacoma or Olympia, how likely are you to attend?

	Response Percent	Response Count
1 - Very Likely	8.9%	8
2	13.3%	12
3 - Possibly	37.8%	34
4	11.1%	10
5 - Not likely	28.9%	26
	answered question	90
	skipped question	9

14. If the joint conference (2015) was held in Vancouver, WA, how likely are you to attend?

	Respor Perce		Response Count
1 - Very Likely	40.	4%	36
2	21.	3%	19
3 - Possibly	20.	2%	18
4	11.	2%	10
5 - Not likely	6.	7%	6
	answered quest	ion	89
	skipped quest	on	10

15. If you answered Not Likely, please let us know more about your reasoning.

	Response Count
	23
answered question	23
skipped question	76

16. Did you find all the information you needed on the Oregon & SW Washington web site?

	Response Percent	Response Count
1: Definitely, the web site is a great resource	25.6%	23
2: Most of what I needed was on the web site	52.2%	47
3: The web site needs more information	10.0%	9
4: Didn't use the web site for anything other than registration	12.2%	11
	Suggestions for more web site content:	12

answered question	90
skipped question	9

17. Thinking of other conferences you have attended, is there some aspect of a previous conference that was really engaging? If there is, please let us know and the Conference Committee will explore it further. Mention the conference where you saw it.

	Response Count
	12
answered question	12
skipped question	87

18. We are always open to new volunteers. If you would like to be part of the Conference Committee or help our URISA Chapter in some other manner, please provide contact information.

	Response Percent	Response Count
Name:	100.0%	12
Company:	75.0%	9
Email Address:	83.3%	10
Phone Number:	75.0%	9
	answered question	12
	skipped question	87

19. Thank you for attending the GIS In Action conference. If you have any additional comments, we would like to hear them.

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conference, we do want to manage the number of email blasts we send to our members. On a scale of 1 - 5,
please rate the number of email blasts for the past conference.

1	There wasn't enough publicity for the conference this year.	May 28, 2013 4:20 PM
2	didnt get any emails, n/a	May 28, 2013 12:50 PM
3	I registered using a different email address than I used in the past. So I continued to receive emails urging me to register after I was registered. Maybe your emails could be based on registered names rather than registered email addresses.	May 16, 2013 11:19 AM
4	More email are ok, but that raises the burden for content. They need to be relevant of funny. So perhaps you can provide early stats like, 'last year 50% of attendees were from Portland and so far local registration lags behind at a mere 30%' or 'keynote speaker announced. This speakerblah blahOregon connection' There has to be potential for humor with GIS Inaction (as opposed to GIS In Action, but perhaps it is best to not start that idea). The point is you can't just announce the conference 5 times, each of the 5 needs to be relevant (or funny works too). Also, hit more lists (gis_info, past attendees, lacking ideas for other lists). Call for papers. For past attendees, "do you remember you first GIS In Action?"	May 15, 2013 12:07 PM
5	I liked the warnings before early registration expired - really prompted me to commit and get registered.	May 15, 2013 11:25 AM
6	The current number is fine unless it is possible to filter and not send them to those who are already registered.	May 15, 2013 9:58 AM
7	Would be nice to have the building & room number on the conference-at-a- glance page. Need info on parking - even when I called PSU I was told that parking on campus was reserved for students, but I don't think that was the case.	May 15, 2013 9:45 AM
8	Kept getting general "Please sign up" blasts after I'd already signed up; would be nice to somehow cull the list selectively as people sign up.	May 15, 2013 8:50 AM

Page 3,	Q6. On a scale of 1 - 5, how did the registration process work for you?	
1	I would like to have the ability to see what booths are available and what booth I get assigned during registration. Similar to booking a seat on an airline.	May 22, 2013 11:17 AM
2	More maps of locations of meeting rooms would of been very helpful.	May 16, 2013 3:17 PM
3	The various urls, non-matching ssl certificates, etc were better than in past years. Also, the changing urls was made better in that the colors/theme was made to match rather than radically changing. This was a big improvement. I'm still in general not that big of a fan of the registration system, although have never used the backend which perhaps is great, running registration is a lot of work so keeping the backend work minimal is key.	May 15, 2013 12:07 PM
4	Online registration is great, although there are some administrative gymnastics to use a credit card in our organization, but then travel is sort of a paperwork hassle anyway - any time you spend money in the public sector, it's paperwork intensive.	May 15, 2013 11:25 AM
5	When I got to the building, no one was around at the help desk to tell me where the conference was being held. I had to find someone in an office to disturb. They didn't want to open their door until 8 a.m., which whould have made me late. Signs in the building would have been very helpful. I had no idea I needed to read the small 8.5 x 11 pages by stairs.	May 15, 2013 9:45 AM
6	This year I had to follow-up about two or three times to get the extended early bird price, which was not updated on the website when paying. It was frustrating and hopefully will be sorted out next year.	May 15, 2013 8:56 AM
7	The website wasn't easy to navigate to find the information I was looking for. There should be seperate pages in the registration form for pre-conference workshop registration and the conference itself.	May 15, 2013 8:06 AM
8	there is no clear indication that the exhibitor registration is buried in the regular registration page. We need to make that more clear to exhibitors	May 15, 2013 7:22 AM
9	It was a little hard to find the registration desk once inside the building.	May 15, 2013 7:19 AM
10	PSU Student Volunteer. Price was free, value of time exceed expectations.	May 14, 2013 10:39 PM

	Q7. This was our first year in some time that we offered workshops. We need to kind if so, should we provide workshops in 2014.	know if it was worth the
1	I didn't find any that suited my needs. Need something of a management, policy, and/or administrative nature.	May 28, 2013 4:20 PM
2	Deadline for attending was too soon of a cutoff date.	May 16, 2013 3:17 PM
3	Wanted to take the Python Workshop but it was cancelled - would still be interested in either that or another like it. Thanks!	May 16, 2013 9:23 AM
4	Thought the preconference workshops were a great idea. I was disappointed that the python one was cancelled (for good reason), and hope that there will be workshops offered next year as well.	May 15, 2013 2:04 PM
5	I didn't attend any workshops but think that they add to conference. Non cancelling seems important, attending the conference is often based on which workshops are available.	May 15, 2013 12:07 PM
6	Was unable to attend workshops this year.	May 15, 2013 11:27 AM
7	Don't want to pay extra for workshops. Workshop content should be part of the core content of the conference.	May 15, 2013 10:55 AM
8	The Leaflet and TileMill workshops were top notch!	May 15, 2013 9:31 AM
9	I wanted to take workshop but couldn't afford to. Would like them to be more affordable.	May 15, 2013 9:30 AM
10	Just couldn't leave work.	May 15, 2013 8:56 AM
11	The workshops were hard to discover on the website, they should be more visible.	May 15, 2013 8:28 AM
12	For the all day workshop, it was nice having a break for lunch, but many people were a bit lost as to where to eat. The instructors weren't from around here either. In the future it might be nice to include some walkable suggestions to workshop instructors.	May 15, 2013 8:27 AM
13	I like the idea of the workshops. This year the only workshop that I would have benefited from was the Python workshop but the price was far to high for me to attend. Technical workshops are very benificial.	May 15, 2013 8:06 AM
14	We need an N/A column herepeople might put "No" because they didn't attend one, but it will reflect badly in the results of the "good value" questions.	May 15, 2013 7:22 AM
15	I did not attend any of the workshops but I plan to next year if they are offered.	May 15, 2013 7:19 AM
16	Attended multiple workshops - need room monitors to assist with additional seating and technology needs; did not feel workshops were the value of fee charged; possibly provide "charging" stations for laptops/electronics.	May 15, 2013 6:39 AM
17	Think it's a good offering Students especially seemed to appreciate.	May 14, 2013 7:47 PM
18	Would like a link to presentations that were missed while attending the other workshops.	May 14, 2013 7:11 PM

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The TileMill workshop was particularly timely and informative. The room was packed! There was a momentary issue with getting enough power cords for everyone, but the problem was resolved. I would like to see GIS in Action do more workshops that bring participants in contact with folks on the cutting edge of industry. The format lends itself particularly well to web mapping.

May 14, 2013 7:01 PM

	Page 3, Q9. We are considering providing the conference program in a format that's viewable on a mobile device or tablet. Please tell us your thoughts, and add any comments to help us make this decision.		
1	Depends on how it's done, but offering live content on mobile devices would diminish the live experience and likely cause less attendance. Offering delayed content of select elements might work.	May 28, 2013 4:20 PM	
2	The detailed programs weren't handed out to me when I registered. I just got a photocopied piece of paper with the times and rooms. I had to ask for the detailed program booklet. Booklets should be handed out initially, but having a conference program formatted for mobile would be a great addition.	May 17, 2013 4:18 PM	
3	I have a mobile device, but not sure I would use it. Better in person! Would be helpful to have the recorded video available after the conference since there were some presentations that I couldn't attend, but wanted to.	May 17, 2013 8:33 AM	
4	Although I checked that I wouldn't use, I would be interested in checking it out and deciding if I wanted to use it. I like to have the paper program to make notes on.	May 16, 2013 9:23 AM	
5	The pdf is already usable on mobile devices. The program is also handy for notes, paper, etc.	May 15, 2013 12:07 PM	
6	would save paper and help people get to the right spot.	May 15, 2013 11:27 AM	
7	I don't yet have a good mobile device, but hope to, I think it's an undeniable trend. Go for it.	May 15, 2013 11:25 AM	
8	I like the paper program. It's large format, easy to read and navigate, and it provides convenient organized medium for notes.	May 15, 2013 9:31 AM	
9	I am planning on getting a smart phone this week and anticipate using this feature in the future.	May 15, 2013 8:56 AM	
10	Sure, save some paper.	May 15, 2013 8:50 AM	
11	A simple mobile program would be very useful.	May 15, 2013 8:06 AM	
12	Would definitely prefer to watch it via my desktop here at work.	May 15, 2013 8:02 AM	
13	Android too, please.	May 15, 2013 7:24 AM	
14	depending on loading time; font size; and amount of information shared may use but still prefer hard copy to take notes on. Options are appreciated.	May 15, 2013 6:39 AM	
15	I used my mobile device to look at the conference program this year.	May 14, 2013 10:39 PM	
16	Save the trees.	May 14, 2013 9:31 PM	
17	I am still reeling from Amber's "remote control for life" concept. I used no electronics during the conference, except back at work. Sometimes I just need a rest, and not having my laptop, etc. enabled me to focus on the presentations.	May 14, 2013 7:52 PM	
18	I hope that you keep some paper copies. Some of us are not cyborgs.	May 14, 2013 7:46 PM	
19	Let there be apps.	May 14, 2013 7:01 PM	

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Page 3, Q11. What is your opinion of the quality of the food served? (select one)		
1	Healthier options. Juice & Fruit, perhaps salad bar or buffet style	May 17, 2013 8:33 AM
2	The vegetarian option is strange. I've never seen eggplant, tofu, and hummus combined before. One would be fine, all three is strange.	May 16, 2013 11:19 AM
3	social food was good, lunch was ok. I heard many positiver comments on REAL apples. Thank you for real apples instead of red delicious which is usualy what there is which are junk.	May 15, 2013 12:07 PM
4	WOuld be nice to have lower calorie / healthier food	May 15, 2013 9:30 AM
5	Need better coffee.	May 15, 2013 9:19 AM
6	Different meals each day would be better	May 15, 2013 8:32 AM
7	Would be nice to have a different choice each day vs. the same sandwiches both days	May 15, 2013 8:12 AM
8	Choice the first morning were horrendousa bunch of processed white carbohydrates, no protein. Lunch wasn't much better. Would like a salad option, maybe some cold cuts. So much bread/carbs again!	May 15, 2013 7:43 AM
9	Seemed down in quality this year at lunches, but the vendor social food was pretty good.	May 15, 2013 7:22 AM
10	no comment	May 15, 2013 6:39 AM
11	vegan options could be improved but i appreciate the efforts.	May 14, 2013 9:48 PM
12	Excellent sandwiches.	May 14, 2013 9:31 PM
13	For a conference Very good.	May 14, 2013 7:47 PM
14	The meat sandwiches were great. The veggie sandwiches were kind of floppy and gross. Could stand a little less packaging for the snacks, but was glad that relatively healthy options were offered! Nice job, overall.	May 14, 2013 7:01 PM

there is an issue with travel out state for many local government agencies Was disappointed by the quality of some of the talks that I was (initially) most excited about. Difficult to get budget approval for out of state travel, overnight stay, travel, etc. Too much time spent driving and expense.	Jul 11, 2013 12:48 P May 17, 2013 4:18 P May 17, 2013 8:33 A
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I attend this conference because it is in town. I can still drop off and pick up my daughter from daycare and be home for dinner.	May 16, 2013 11:19 A
I'm unlikely to travel out of state for the conference if I would need lodging as well.	May 15, 2013 2:04 F
Out of State travel restrictions. Much prefer PSU over any other venues.	May 15, 2013 11:44
Out of state travel is an issue.	May 15, 2013 11:27
Out of state travel is difficult. Also, I commute to the conference, adding hotel and per diem to the cost may preclude attendance.	May 15, 2013 11:25
Content of the presentations was not valuable to me. I'm looking for technical sessions.	May 15, 2013 10:55
Budget and travel restrictions will be even tighter next year. Traveling out of state is almost always impossible.	May 15, 2013 9:58 A
If it's in Vancouver, I'm going! If it's in Tacoma, might go to the NWGIS conference instead Tacoma/Oly means an overnight stay in a place not real enticing	May 15, 2013 8:56 A
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20	to far away out of state travel	May 15, 2013 6:13 AM	
21	Rely on Tri-met public transportation.	May 14, 2013 10:39 PM	
22	While I would love to attend a conference in Vancouver, it is very hard during the academic term with teaching responsibilities to get away for numerous conferences and to find the funding. With a conference that is closer to home it is easier to attend just one day and not have the expense of a hotel, etc.	May 14, 2013 8:17 PM	
23	Ugh.	May 14, 2013 7:01 PM	

Page 3,	Q16. Did you find all the information you needed on the Oregon & SW Washington	n web site?
1	A mobile app or web friendly mobile site would go a long way to improving the situation here. The app/site could update as developments are made - schedules etc. A full website is just too burdensome on a mobile phone device.	May 20, 2013 11:53 AM
2	Need info on parking on campus. Need building and room numbers on conference-at-a-glance page. Need link to your tax id info for company to make payment - hard to run down. Companies only need it once, but when it is needed, it is a must have.	May 15, 2013 9:45 AM
3	There was a disconnect with info on the intro web pages about hotels vs the pdf document that had more info on the speakers,etc. that got posted closer to conference time. The general web pages listed only 2 hotels. One high priced (Modera - \$189 a night) and then a low-end one (cant recall name). When I opened more detailed pdf just prior to coming it is then I noticed the PSU Conference Center and Hotel and able to change my reservations the night before driving there. I came from out of town. This was affordable and reasonable. Would have been nice to have that info sooner.	May 15, 2013 9:30 AM
4	As mentioned above, the extended early bird registration was not updated causing me a hassle.	May 15, 2013 8:56 AM
5	The website is hard to navigate and find information. Everything from the conference program to workshops was difficult to access. Too many clicks.	May 15, 2013 8:28 AM
6	Site navigation was difficult. It took a lot of searching to find the info I was looking for.	May 15, 2013 8:06 AM
7	The sooner the program tracks are determined the sooner I can justify attendance with my manager. This will affect the cost to me in terms of registration and work time. So please try to get the track themes and abstracts up as early as possible.	May 15, 2013 7:24 AM
8	Identifying parking and having to navigate through PSU site was a little frustrating; also when following their directions ended up getting a parking ticket because we parked in the facility indicated and it was permit only.	May 15, 2013 6:39 AM
9	If I remember correctly, it was a little confusing b/c there was a link to last year's conference for quite some time before any current information was posted for the 2013 conference. Perhaps a blank holder page for the 2014 conference would be less confusing (and then perhaps I am misremembering it all)	May 14, 2013 8:17 PM
10	I think the program information was available by the time of the conference, but was not complete earlier, so made it harder to tell what presentations I was interested in. As it turned out, I felt the program was very well done.	May 14, 2013 7:52 PM
11	Web site is functional, but fugly	May 14, 2013 7:47 PM
12	The pdf was out of date on the website. It would have been cool to have something more interactive than a downloadable pdf.	May 14, 2013 7:01 PM

Page 3, Q17. Thinking of other conferences you have attended, is there some aspect of a previous conference
that was really engaging? If there is, please let us know and the Conference Committee will explore it further.
Mention the conference where you saw it.

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1	CalGIS had an open mic period at the very beginning of the conference, right after initial introductions and logistics. Lots of good issues were raised, followed by opening keynote.	May 28, 2013 4:20 PM
2	I hiked in the desert and enjoyed 80+ sunny weather in April while at the ESRI Dev Summit but there is probably not a reasonable way for you to arrange that. ;-)	May 18, 2013 7:14 AM
3	At the 2012 NACIS conference, quite a few speaker presentations were made available through the web immediately after the presentation (URLs collected via a Google docs spreadsheet). That was very helpful.	May 17, 2013 10:19 AM
4	The lightening talks were excellent and perfect for the lunch hour!	May 17, 2013 8:33 AM
5	Technical sessions at the Esri International UC.	May 15, 2013 10:55 AM
6	I'd like more lightning talks so we can see more content over less time.	May 15, 2013 10:45 AM
7	Can't think of anything to add.	May 15, 2013 9:45 AM
8	I have never attended a GIS in Action conference before however I have attended other GIS conferences elsewhere in 3 states. My only feedback is that the conference lacked the same energy Ive seen at other conferences. As much as I liked the bridge lady and found the whole history of bridges fascinating, too much time was spent on her talk and it seemed to move very slow. Not a good choice as the opening speaker. I think some GIS innovations with a energetic speaker might have been a better choice to open with.	May 15, 2013 9:30 AM
9	ESRI was willing to come and provide a lab where people could use the software. That could be a good addition, but needed more space to provide it.	May 15, 2013 9:19 AM
10	WA-URISA breakfast and morning keynote on the opening day. Name printed on front and back of badges so that it is readable even when they flip over on your chest.	May 15, 2013 7:22 AM
11	AASHTO conference, Portland panel discussions on like topics; also had several seating areas more condusive for impropmtu conversations; PSU while a nice facility felt like I was intruding on students quiet study time and there was little to no seating in corridors. There was also designated time to interact with vendors and others rather than trying to "fit it in" in between sessions.	May 15, 2013 6:39 AM
12	Vendor Passport so attendees visit every exhibitors booth to win a raffle.	May 14, 2013 9:31 PM

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	especially the main hall. The agenda was too long. I recomend scaling back the amount of text or formating it differently so it isn't pages of text. Overall it was a great conference and I will return.	
16	I enjoyed many of the presentations. Thank you for all the hard work.	May 15, 2013 8:02 AM
17	Thank you all for your efforts. As always the conference offers an opportunity to hear advancements in GIS and how it is being used in a real world manner. It is also a great time to visit old colleagues and create new relationships and opportunities for potential collaboration. Keep up your fantastic work!	May 15, 2013 6:48 AM
18	Well done.	May 14, 2013 9:31 PM
19	I was a part of the Education track and mostly attended those sessions which were really helpful and a good means of reconnecting with other educators. I would suggest that you make this a regular part of the conference if it is not already planned. In addition, having some blocks of time for general discussion and networking during the day would be really valuable. We met over lunch in the Geography Dept and that was great but also highlighted the real need to get together more often. The GIS in Action is a great opportunity to facilitate this.	May 14, 2013 8:17 PM
20	I would love to see a speed networking session, based on the formatting of speed dating. Great chance to meet a lot of people in the GIS field, and branch out to new contacts.	May 14, 2013 8:12 PM
21	Thanks for the great conference. It was one of the best GIS-in-Action I have attended. Presentations were relevant to what I do, reflecting the problem-solving methods, etc, and had a mix of web and paper solutions. Really enjoyed it.	May 14, 2013 7:52 PM
22	A great, local conference. Think it would be good to have a bit more focus on development, and especially mobile.	May 14, 2013 7:47 PM
23	Glad to be back at PSU! Thanks for keeping the conference current and relevant to the leading edge of the geospatial industry.	May 14, 2013 7:01 PM